

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING
NETWORK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION IN A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Network management information (NMI) contained in
a first set of byte locations of a received frame is
10 relocated to a second set of byte locations of another
frame. The NMI is then transported through network
elements using the second set of byte locations until
the NMI is to be transported to a compatible network
element, which can understand the NMI. At which time,
15 the NMI is relocated back to the first set of byte
locations of frames destined for the compatible network
element. The relocation of the NMI from a first set of
byte locations to a second set of byte locations allows
the NMI to be transparently transported through
20 incompatible network elements.